

COUNTY COUNCIL  
OF  
HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND

BILL NO. 02-24

Introduced by Council Member Stepp

Legislative Day No. 02-19 Date July 2, 2002

AN ACT to propose an amendment to Article VII, Planning and Zoning, of the Harford County Charter, by adding new Section 703.1, Board of Appeals; to create a Board of Appeals; to require the County Council to establish by law the qualifications, terms and compensation for the members of the Board of Appeals; to require the Council to establish by law the duties and rules of procedure for the Board of Appeals; and to require the submission of this amendment to the legally qualified voters of Harford County for their adoption or rejection, in accordance with Section 905 of the Harford County Charter.

By the Council, July 2, 2002

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled

on: August 6, 2002

at: 7:00 P.M.

By Order: James E. Massey, Jr., Council Administrator

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Having been posted and notice of time and place of hearing and title of Bill having been published according to the Charter, a public hearing was held on August 6, 2002, and concluded on, August 6, 2002.

James E. Massey, Jr., Council Administrator

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law. Underlining indicates language added to Bill by amendment. Language lined through indicates matter stricken out of Bill by amendment.

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SECTION 1. Be It Enacted By The County Council of Harford County, Maryland, that Section 703.1, Board of Appeals, be, and it is hereby, added to Article VII, Planning and Zoning, of the Harford County Charter, all to read as follows:

### SECTION 703.1. BOARD OF APPEALS.

THERE SHALL BE A COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS CONSISTING OF SEVEN QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE COUNTY APPOINTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL. THE COUNTY COUNCIL SHALL PRESCRIBE BY LAW THE QUALIFICATIONS, TERMS, AND COMPENSATION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS. THE COUNTY COUNCIL SHALL ESTABLISH BY LAW THE DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS AND THE RULES OF PROCEDURE GOVERNING PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE BOARD OF APPEALS.

Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted, that before this Act becomes effective, it shall be submitted to a Referendum of the legally qualified voters of Harford County, Maryland, at the General Election to be held in November 2002. There shall be printed on the ballots or ballot labels used at this election a brief summary in understandable language of the purpose of the Act, and underneath the summary, on separate lines, a square or box to the right of and opposite the words, "For \_\_\_\_\_," and a corresponding square or box to the right of and opposite the words, "Against \_\_\_\_\_," so that each voter may vote for or against the provisions of this Act. If a majority of the votes cast in the election are "For \_\_\_\_\_" the provisions of this Act shall become effective from and after the 30th calendar day following the election, but if a majority of the votes cast in the election are "Against \_\_\_\_\_," the provisions of this Act shall be of no effect and null and void.

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1 Section 3. And Be It Further Enacted, that subject to the provisions of Section 2 of this Act  
2 and for the sole purpose of providing for the referendum therein required, this Act shall take  
3 effect 60 calendar days from the date it becomes law.

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5 EFFECTIVE:

*The Council Administrator does hereby certify  
that fifteen (15) copies of this Bill are immediately  
available for distribution to the public and the  
press.*

  
Council Administrator

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HARFORD COUNTY BILL NO. 02-24

Brief Title) Charter Amendment – Board of Appeals

is herewith submitted to the County Council of Harford County for enrollment as being the text as finally passed.

**CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT**

**ENROLLED**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Administrator

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**BY THE COUNCIL**

Read the third time.

Passed: LSD \_\_\_\_\_

Failed of Passage: \_\_\_\_\_

By Order

\_\_\_\_\_  
Council Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2002, at 4:00 p.m.

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Council Administrator

**BY THE EXECUTIVE**

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COUNTY EXECUTIVE

APPROVED: Date \_\_\_\_\_

**BY THE COUNCIL**

THIS BILL (NO. 02-24), SUBSEQUENT TO THE PUBLIC HEARING ON LEGISLATIVE DAY 02-20 (AUGUST 6, 2002), WAS WITHDRAWN FROM FURTHER CONSIDERATION BY THE SPONSOR.

*James E. Massy, Jr.* Council Administrator

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